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1. "KOELNER ANZEIGER" OF AUGUST 14 CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY, PARALLELING SIMILAR STORY IN "FINANCIAL TIMES" OF SAME DATE, CONCERNING THE STATE OF PLAY ON THE PROJECTED FRG REACTOR FOR KALININGRAD, USSR. BOTH ACCOUNTS APPEAR TO BE BASED ON THE SAME GERMAN SOURCE. THE "ANZEIGER" ARTICLE, CAPTIONED "BONN ENCOUNTERS TOUGHNESS IN THE KREMLIN", COVERS A BROADER ASPECT OF FRG-USSR RELATIONS. IT PEGS THE STORY TO THE SCHMIDT-BRESHNEV DISCUSSIONS IN HELSINKI, WHERE THE SOVIET LEADER ASSERTEDLY BLOCKED ANY PROGRESS ON INCLUDING WEST BERLIN IN AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE REACTOR PROJECT, THE PAPER REPORTS THE LIFTING OF THE RESERVE BY THE WESTERN

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POWERS IN COCOM, ONLY TO ENCOUNTER TECHNICAL

OBSTACLES FROM THE RUSSIANS. THESE CONCERN THE PRICE FOR THE ELECTRIC POWER AND THE RELUCTANCE OF THE SOVIETS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM OF TRANSMISSION DIRECTLY THROUGH WEST BERLIN AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE INTO THE WEST GERMAN GRID. INSTEAD, MOSCOW IS SAID TO HAVE SURFACED A NEW PLAN WHEREBY POWER FROM THE REACTOR WOULD FLOW THROUGH A COMECON GRID, DOWN TO RUMANIA, WITH WEST BERLIN TIED IN THROUGH A BRANCH LINE. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG. NEVERTHELESS, BONN IS SAID TO BE STILL HOPEFUL THAT THE SOVIETS ARE DELAYING A DECISION WHICH WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG, UNTIL THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR, POSSIBLY TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING A BRESHNEV VISIT TO BONN.

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